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Following Articles 5, 11, and 19 of the Law on Military Conscription for the Federative Peoples' Republic of Yugoslavia, and Article 16 of the ordinance relating to the execution of this law, and with the consent of the Finance Minister of the Federative Peoples' Republic of Yugoslavia,

I order:

1. that as of 31 October 1946 there be demobilized:
 - (a) from the Yugoslav Army and the Yugoslav Coast Guard Navy, in which enlistment was for two to three years, all soldiers, corporals and NCO's who joined the National Army of Liberation (ANL) and the Detachment of Yugoslav Partisans (DPY) in 1941, 1942 and the first half of 1943;
 - (b) from the Yugoslav Navy, in which enlistment was for four years, all sailors, corporals and NCO's who previously joined ANL and DPY in 1941 and 1942.
2. that between 1 and 15 November 1946 there be demobilized from the Yugoslav Army and the Coast Guard of the Yugoslav Navy, in which the enlistment was for two years, the following:
 - (a) soldiers, corporals, and NCO's who joined ANL and DPY in the second half of 1943 and the first half of 1944;
 - (b) soldiers, corporals and NCO's born in 1920, 21 and 22 who joined ANL and DPY in the second half of 1944;
 - (c) soldiers, corporals and NCO's from armored and motorized units of the Yugoslav Army and the Yugoslav Air Force who joined ANL and DPY in the second half of 1943.

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3. that soldiers, corporals and NCO's mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 above be demobilized only when they have served the length of time mentioned by Article 11 of the law on military conscription of citizens of the Federative Peoples' Republic of Yugoslavia.
4. that all career NCO's as well as soldiers, corporals and NCO's who wish to remain voluntarily in the military service be excluded from ordinances 1 to 3.
5. (Ordinances of a financial nature.)
6. that KNOJ units and the Guard, the demobilization of which will be taken care of separately be excluded from all these ordinances.

Supreme Chief of the Armed Forces
Minister of National Defense
Marshal of Yugoslavia

Josip Broz-Tito m.p.

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Comment: It is to be noted that the above is a demobilization decree for partisans (those who fought in partisan units during the war). A great number of those men were killed during the war. Others became career officers and career NCO's. Furthermore such partisans as were needed in other important services have already left the Army and now have new positions. KNOJ and the Guard (mentioned in paragraph 6 of the ordinance) are composed for the most part of former fighter-partisans and according to this ordinance they will not be demobilized. Today there are practically no soldiers, corporals, NCO's left in Yugoslavia's Armed Forces mentioned under paragraphs 1 and 2. Paragraph 4 on voluntary service is an attempt to retain in the Army by propaganda the partisans who might want to leave the Army. Thus this demobilization will not reduce the strength of the Yugoslav Army.

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